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SUBJECT: CHNOUPEK VISIT ENDS

1. SUMMARY: THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER DEPARTED POLAND JUNE 6 AFTER A THREE- DAY VISIT WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN INTENDED PRIMARILY TO REAFFIRM THE CORRECTNESS OF THE PRESENT DIRECTIONS OF POLISH- CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. THE VISIT TO POLAND OF CZECH FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK ENDED JUNE 6 WITH THE SIGNING OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. DURING HIS THREE- DAY " OFFICIAL VISIT OF FRIENDSHIP," CHNOUPEK CONDUCTED TALKS WITH POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI AND VICE PREMIER TEJCHMA, WAS RECEIVED BY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK AND PRESIDENT JABLONSKI, AND SQUEEZED IN A VISIT TO LODZ.

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3. ACCORDING TO TRYBUNA LUDU, THIS WAS A " WORKING" VISIT

AND " ONE IN A SERIES OF RECENT INTENSIVE POLITICAL CONTACTS BETWEEN POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA." THE PRIMARY EMPHASIS WAS ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND THE NEAREST THING TO A POLICY DEPARTURE WAS TRYBUNA' S REPORT THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD AGREED THAT CONCLUSION OF A " LONG TERM ECONOMIC AGREEMENT TOUCHING ON THE DIRECTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN THIS DECADE AND BEYOND" WOULD BE USEFUL. THERE WAS SOME TALK OF " WIDENING SOCIAL CONTACTS," ESPECIALLY IN BORDER REGIONS, BUT NOTHING IN PUBLISHED REPORTS ABOUT EXPANDING TOURISM, A DELICATE SUBJECT GIVEN THE CURRENT HOOF AND MOUTH PROBLEM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE FAILURE OF THE POLES AND CZECHS TO AGREE ON A LIBERALIZED TRAVEL AGREEMENT LAST YEAR.

4. SOME DIFFERENCES IN EMPHASIS ON POLITICAL TOPICS EMERGED FROM THE SPEECHES AT A WELCOMING DINNER JUNE 4. OLSZOWSKI, FOLLOWING RECENT POLISH PRACTICE, UNDERLINED THE BENEFITS WHICH WOULD ACCRUE TO THE WHOLE SOCIALIST CAMP FOLLOWING BREZHNEV' S VISIT TO BONN, SOMETHING CHNOUPEK, WHO ALSO PRAISED BREZHNEV' S VISIT, DID NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CZECH PAID GREATER ATTENTION TO THE INDOCHINA SITUATION, WHICH OLSZOWSKI MENTIONED ONLY IN PASSING.

5. THE COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZED THE INTEREST OF BOTH SIDES IN TIGHTENING BILATERAL CONTACTS-- INCLUDING " CLOSE COOPERATION" IN FOREIGN POLICY-- AND MULTILATERAL SOCIALIST INTEGRATION WITH COMECON AND THE WARSAW PACT. IT NOTED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD DISCUSSED CSCE AND THE " VIENNA TALKS" AT SOME LENGTH, AND SAID THEY HAD GREETED " WITH SATISFACTION" THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT FRG- CZECH NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, THE VISIT " CONFIRMED THE COMPLETE AGREEMENT OF VIEWS" BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES " ON ALL TOPICS DISCUSSED."

6. COMMENT: CHNOUPEK' S VISIT, WHICH FOLLOWED A PREDICTABLE PATTERN, COINCIDED WITH A FRONT PAGE TRYBUNA REPORT JUNE 5 THAT " BECAUSE HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE HAS NOT BEEN YET COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY." POLISH TOURISTS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL IN THOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES " ONLY ON TRANSIT ROUTES, WITHOUT DIVERSION." IT MAY WELL BE THAT CHNOUPEK DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM IN WARSAW, ESPECIALLY DURING HIS TALKS WITH POLITBURO MEMBER AND VICE PREMIER TEJCHMA, WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AREAS OF BOTH TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE. DAVIES

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